

Ministers: The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church
Pastors: Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder, Nancy Wheeler Handlon
Children and Family Ministries Coordinator: Jenny Gunter
Director of Music/Organist: Richard D. Owen
Coordinator of Handbell Choirs: Deedee Odell
Parish Nurses: Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth
Children's worship bags and bulletins are in the narthex.

Welcome Center: Roger and Joyce Heil
Greeters: David and Aileen Williams, Stew and Carol Swanson
Fellowship Coffee: Larry and Ginny Tupper
Sound Booth: 9:00 Anthony Brown and Chuck Handlon
11:15 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp
Front desk reception: Mary Petersson

Nursery care for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hall.

Next Week's Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17,
John 3:1-17

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bob Dunn and Joyce Sharpe in memory of JoAnn Dunn.. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520AM. Please use the chart in the Commons by the Sanctuary doors to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in the church office.

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of **Denny and Peg Anderson's 40th wedding anniversary.**

"Discover God," All Church Retreat – June 19-20, with activities for all ages. Registration brochures are available in the office and on the website, www.cumethodist.com

The Summer Tuesday Noonday Piano Recitals begin this week! Please join us as Deanne Mohr, DMA opens this season's recital series. Dr. Mohr is an internationally known concert pianist and she is also an Associate Professor of Music at Winona State University. She will play music of Brahms, Poulenc and Debussy. The Recitals are in the Sanctuary and begin at 12.20pm and last about thirty minutes. Admission is free!



400 Fifth Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Worship Hours:
8:00am – *Worship and Communion in the Chapel*
9:00am – *Worship in the Sanctuary*
11:15am – *Emergent Worship in the Education Conference Center*

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May 31, 2009

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN OF GATHERING

(UMH) No. 404 – Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*OPENING PRAYER

We gather this morning as the church to remember our beginnings.

To celebrate when the Spirit of God filled the hearts of those who heard the Good News.

Can God do such a thing today? Can miracles still happen?

We rejoice and celebrate the birth of the church today, O God. The church began with the movement of your Spirit in the lives of everyone present on that first Pentecost. We pray that you will move in our lives today to give us power for living and to become the church that you have called us to be.

Create in us a heart that will continue to be excited about our faith. Build within us the joy of servant hood that truly cares for and loves your people. Most of all, we pray that you will fill us with a Spirit of passion to be a church that is not afraid to live beyond our own walls. Send us into the world so that we can begin to build the church of tomorrow.

Behold, the power of God's very own Spirit is with us today.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2223 – They'll Know We Are Christians ST. BRENDAN'S
*(During the singing, all children are invited to come to the Chancel steps
for the pastor's time with children.)*

**All praise to the Maker, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION (See insert)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

(UMH) No. 393 – Spirit of the Living God *LIVING GOD*

TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD

READING

Acts 2:1-21

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

“The Power of the Spirit”

Pastor Michael Wuehler

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Holy City
Warren Thompson, tenor

Stephan Adams

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 539 – O Spirit of the Living God

FOREST GREEN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for being with us in worship this morning.
Please join us for worship again next week.*

RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION

SPRT Chair - Members and friends of Christ Church, we gather to celebrate the ordination of Pastor Amanda Larsen. Amanda is now an ordained Elder in Full-Connection of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We recognize the many hours of hard work Amanda has given to achieve her ordination. We also recognize her commitment to serve the people of Christ Church and the community of Rochester. Most of all we celebrate Pastor Amanda's response to the call of God to serve the people whom God loves so very dearly.

All Clergy - Welcome Pastor Amanda Larsen. We recognize you as our ordained sister in Christ. We are very proud of your accomplishments and celebrate your achievements. We are committed to help you remain faithful and fruitful in your ministry.

We promise to pray for you and your family. We are here to love and support you in ministry. We offer our many years of Christian service as a means of direction and guidance for you to follow. Most of all, we offer you our love and support through Jesus Christ.

Congregation - We also celebrate your ordination. We give thanks to God for your ministry among us. We recognize you as a representative of Christ to the people of Christ United Methodist Church. We celebrate the gifts that you employ in this field of ministry.

We pledge our support to your ministry. We offer you our prayers so that you will be uplifted in spirit as you begin your day. We offer our financial resources so that you will not be in need. We offer our kind words of support so that you will feel appreciated. We give you our love so that you will always feel a part of this church.

Pastor Amanda - I am grateful to be a part of so many communities of support, challenge, and blessing. I will continue to use the gifts that God has given me to serve Christ United Methodist Church, the city of Rochester and the Minnesota Annual Conference. Just as you all support, challenge, and bless me, may I so support, challenge, and bless you. I promise to continually be alert to the ways that God is pointing me as one of your leaders. I trust my communities to help me be attentive to God's words for all of us

Calendar of Events

May 31 – June 7

Sunday, May 31

7:45 am-12:15 Childcare, birth to 18 months-Room 135
7:45-12:15 Childcare, 15 months to 36 months-Room 137

8:00 Worship and Communion - Chapel

9:00 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:00 Adult Bible Study-Adult Library

10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room -

10:15 Age 3 – Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133

10:15 K-5th Grade Sunday school – Room 32

10:15 Contemporary Issues - Room 146

10:15 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II

10:15 Voluntary Simplicity – Hamline I

10:15 All Church Piano Recital - Sanctuary

11:15 Emergent Worship – Education Conference Center

12:15 pm Youth Band – ECC

Monday, June 1

5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes

5:30 pm Communications Team – Room 145

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Team – Youth Room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

7:00 pm Young Adult Ministry – Whistle Binkies North

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 am Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

12:20pm Tuesday Noonday Piano Recital - Sanctuary

5:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library

7:00 Community Bible Study Leaders Prayer Time – Room 145

Wednesday, June 3

7:00 pm Mid High Youth, "Power and Light" – Fireside

7:30 Exercise Class – Wesley Hall

Thursday, June 4

7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 145

8:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

9:00 Mitten Mission – Room 34

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall

12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

Sunday, June 7 (See Sunday, May 31)

6:30 pm ASP Leaders Meeting – Youth Room

Education Sunday is today and we thank the people who have devotedly presented themselves for the work of Christian education and faith formation.

In the Infant and Toddler Ministry, we give praise for the work of Sarah Knotts**, Julie Plunkett** and Phyllis Heath**.

In the Preschool Ministry, we give thanks for the dedication of Jody Peterson, Katie Arendt**, Kara Payne, Heidi Burns, Ruth Colville, Kathi Benson**, Trica Katzenberger, Julie Harris, Sara King, and Susie Hansen

In the Elementary Ministry, we are grateful for the gifts and graces of Dale Wordelman**, Paul Owen, John Eisenach, Gina Eisenach, Sandy Naylor, Curt Naylor**, Mary Hansen, Becky Greseth, Ray Hansen, Mary Schmidt, Dan Zimmer, Stacy Zimmer, Cheryl Kliewer, David Mead, Jan Lage, John Lage, Matt Fiscus, Tina Wong, Brenda Fyles, Tony Fyles, Joe Doppler, Julie Doppler**, Carolyn Stanson, Carla Behnke, Jeff Gunter, Ruth Van Vugt, Bill Van Vugt, Eric Borisch, Jim Duff, Julie Duff, Julie Garnett Austinson, Lael Van Ert, Madeline Van Ert, Rev. Mike Wuehler, Kathi Benson, Larry Segar, Susan George, Jody Peterson, Vanessa Haluska, Tami Werts, Sue Knutson, and Gordon Heath**.

In the Youth Ministry, we appreciate the commitment of *Carol Aylsworth, *Julie Olberding, *Tom Owens, Heidi Owens, *Dave Lieder, Jan Lieder, Chuck Handlon, Jen Hazelton, *Julie Prentice, Kelly Dunkowski, Tom Jaeger, Terri Jaeger, Bobbie Nichols, Phil Lombardo, and Dave Lieder

In the Adult Ministry, we sincerely thank the many people who made this program year possible.

(*member of the Youth Ministry Team)

(**member of the Children's Ministry Team)

We encourage you as a congregation to pray for these leaders and for all the children, youth, and adults who have attended classes this year. We pray that next school year finds us growing spiritually and studying diligently. May this coming year of learning enlighten and transform us.

Hello to all wonderful and talented potential 2009 VBS Leaders!

I've been planning for the 2009 CUMC VBS and wanted to share some thoughts with you. This year's VBS is a farm/county fair theme, Biblically centered on "Growing the Fruit of the Spirit" and the verse: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - Galatians 5:22-23.. Vacation Bible School will be a 5 day rotational activity from 9:00am to noon each day, starting on Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st. Also there will be skit performed for the church congregation and parents on Sunday, August 23rd and a potluck picnic following the church service.

Based on my review of the curriculum, I have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Publicity Coordinator - Plans and carries out the advertising to the church and community. Advertising in CUMC Spirit and CUMC Happenings, Post Bulletin, post signs around the church, large poster outside of church making it visible for community
- Assembly Leader and Skit Coordinator - Organizing the Opening and Closing Assemblies. I am looking for 5 people for the Drama Team.
- Decorations Coordinator
- Shepherds and Workshop Leaders
 - Leader for Pre-school
 - Leader for Crafts
 - Leader for Snack
 - Leader for Recreation/Games
 - Leader for Music
 - Leader for Bible Story Review/Life Application
 - Leader for Missions and Service – (Heifer International)
 - Leader for Farmhand Fun Exhibit - this is a unique activity that includes milking a cow and churning the cream into butter, making jam, making bread, planting a plant, and dying cloth
 - Shepherd for K-1st Grade helping to guide kids from one activity to the next
 - Leader for 2nd and 3rd Grade helping to guide kids from one activity to the next
 - Leader for 4th and 5th Grade helping to guide kids from one activity to the next
 - Leader for 6th Grade helping to guide kids from one activity to the next

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with this year's VBS by replying to this email or calling me at 286-8928 and in what role you would like to play! I am very excited about this year's theme and think we can make this the best year yet! I will be scheduling our first meeting soon once I find out your interests.

Thanks so much in advance for your assistance!

Gina Eisenach, Vacation Bible School Team Coordinator